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NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S) AS A SMALL ENTITY (37 CFR 1.28(c))

The above noted patent application was filed and prosecuted as a small entity. While the assignee of the patent application is and has always been a small entity (Expanse Networks, Inc is the current assignee of the complete interest), a license was granted to Next Level Communications, Inc for the period of time from December 15, 1999 to January 15, 2002. Applicants erroneously believed that the patent application was still entitled to small entity status during this time frame. Applicant has recently discovered that the license to Next Level Communications, Inc. (possibly a large entity for at least a portion of this time) may have affected their small entity status during this time frame.

Accordingly, Applicant has diligently gathered data related to fees paid as a small entity during the term of the license. The table on the next page summarizes for each applicable action (item and date) the fees paid as a small entity, the current large entity fee, and the current amount owed as a result of small entity payment error.

The above noted patent application is currently entitled to small entity status.

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